

### Remarks

Claims 1-16 were presented for examination. Claim 1 has been amended herein. Claims 2-4, 8-9, and 11-16 have been amended as a matter of form to correct a minor error. It is therefore believed that no estoppel results therefrom. New claims 17-20 have been added herein. No new matter has been added.

### *Claim Rejections - § 102*

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Neukermans et al. (USPAP 2002/0011558).

Neukermans does not teach or disclose a handheld multi-function peripheral comprising an operation panel and a scanning channel "wherein the scanning channel is at least partially coextensive with said operation panel" as recited in claim 1 as amended herein and its dependent claims 2-15. Support for the amendment may be found at least in FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B of the present application. Therefore, the rejection based on Neukermans should be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**


In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is hereby earnestly requested.

**Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Kenneth J. Cool, at (720) 227-9445 if there remains any issue with allowance.

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